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ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

AMHERST, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1917



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# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1916-1917

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Moderator

LINDLEY F. WYMAN

Selectmen

RODNEY H. PRINCE      THOMAS W. HARVELL  
GEORGE L. GOODALE

School Board

W. W. SLOAN      FANNIE L. CLARK  
RICHARD D. WARE

Town Treasurer

F. W. BROWN

Tax Collector

CHARLES W. GOING

Town Clerk

W. W. SLOAN

Road Agent

JOHN H. DODGE

Auditors

W. D. CLARK      CHARLES P. DODGE

Supervisors of Check List

W. E. MURPHY      W. D. HOLBROOK  
HAROLD H. WILKINS

Health Officer

L. F. WYMAN

Police

W. E. JENNINGS, Chief      CHAS. A. PEABODY  
JAMES H. BARKER

Fire Wards

W. W. SLOAN, Chief      F. O. STEVENS  
C. F. WELLS

Forest Fire Wards

W. W. SLOAN

Sealer of Weights and Measures

HAROLD W. PERRY

Trustees of Trust Fund

JONATHAN S. LEWIS      RICHARD D. WARE  
FRANK TAYLOR

# Warrant for Town Meeting.

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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Amherst on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.
3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges and make appropriations for the same.
4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for maintenance of town poor.
5. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate to pay the town debt.
6. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.
7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for sidewalks.
8. To see if the town will vote to authorize the firewards to purchase some kind of a motor driven truck for fire purposes, and raise and appropriate money for the same.
9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75, said sum to be used to keep the

walk in the Common free from weeds and grass, also for mowing said Common and raking leaves.

10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to reset the cannon near the soldiers' monument.

11. To see if the town will vote to erect a flagstaff on the Common to take the place of the one destroyed, or take any action in relation thereto.

12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the erection of a flagstaff on said Common.

13. To see if the town will vote to establish an electric street light near the B. & M. R. R. station in the Village of Amherst.

14. To see if the town will vote to pay William W. Goodale \$60 for a cow that died. He claimed it was poisoned.

15. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to furnish and supply ice to the citizens of the town in such way and upon such terms as they may establish.

16. To see if the town will vote to sell the town dump to Frank A. Smith or take any action relating thereto.

17. To see if the town will vote to purchase a steam roller and raise and appropriate money for the same.

18. To hear the reports of all town officers, agents and committees and pass any vote relating thereto.

19. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventeen.

RODNEY H. PRINCE,  
THOMAS W. HARVELL,  
GEORGE L. GOODALE,

Selectmen of Amherst.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest.



# INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF AMHERST, APRIL 1, 1916

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Improved and unimproved land	\$864,735 00
Horses, 263	29,483 00
Mules, 2	260 00
Oxen, 2	130 00
Cows, 508	21,190 00
Other neat stock, 47	1,632 00
Hogs	216 00
Fowls	1,398 00
Vehicles and automobiles	15,285 00
Portable mills	1,100 00
Wood and lumber, not stock in trade	25,895 00
Municipal bonds and notes	32,624 00
Stock in National banks	4,800 00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit	18,235 00
Stock in trade	8,715 00
Aqueducts	1,200 00
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	\$1,026,898 00

Number of polls	231
Amount exempt for soldiers	\$7.070

RODNEY H. PRINCE  
THOMAS W. HARVELL  
GEORGE L. GOODALE

# Report of Selectmen

## TOWN OFFICERS

L. F. Wyman, moderator	\$ 15 00	
R. H. Prince, 1st selectman	180 00	
T. W. Harvell, 2nd selectman	108 62	
G. L. Goodale, 3rd selectman	140 00	
W. W. Sloan, clerk	75 00	
Wm. Murphy, treasurer	50 00	
F. W. Brown, treasurer	25 00	
C. W. Going, tax collector, bal. 1915	95 00	
C. W. Going, tax col., part Sal. 1916	50 00	
R. H. Prince, overseer poor	20 00	
H. H. Wilkins, supervisor	10 00	
W. D. Holbrook, supervisor	15 00	
W. E. Murphy, supervisor	15 00	
J. H. Dodge, ballot inspector	12 50	
H. M. Parker, ballot inspector	12 50	
F. A. Holbrook, ballot inspector	12 50	
G. P. Bennett, ballot inspector	12 50	
W. D. Clark, auditor 1914 and 1915	8 00	
W. E. Murphy, treasurer's bond	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$968 62

## SCHOOLS

Schools	\$7,305 34
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## TOWN LIBRARY

Town Library	\$300 00
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## MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day	\$75 00
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## SIDEWALKS

F. X. Tardiff	\$ 5 00	
W. D. Clark	395 00	
	<hr/>	\$400 00

## DOG DAMAGES

C. H. Fields, injury to child	\$17 50
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## BOARD OF HEALTH

L. F. Wyman	\$6 47
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## TOWN HALL

A. L. Martin	\$ 44 71	
H. J. Haywood, chairs	180 00	
F. T. Boutell, painting	81 24	
F. C. Taylor, supplies and labor	18 42	
Lights	55 19	
R. H. Prince, 1 cord wood	5 00	
Ralph Palmer, sawing wood	3 00	
W. W. Sloan, care town house	50 00	
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Received for use of town hall	\$60 00	\$437 56

## TOWN CLOCK

W. W. Sloan, care	\$15 00
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## STREET LIGHTS

M. L. & P. Co.	\$759 96	
W. M. Murphy, care of traffic lights	9 10	
W. F. French, lantern and globes	1 40	
	<hr/>	\$770 46

## FOREST FIRES

W. W. Sloan, forest fire warden	\$25 00	
W. W. Sloan	20 50	
W. W. Sloan	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$51 50

## NOTES AND INTEREST

Merrimack River Savings Bank	\$1,385 00	
Souhegan National Bank	6,136 32	
	<hr/>	\$7,521 32



## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Premium on bond	\$ 30 00	
Interest on cemetery funds	449 75	
Abstract of wills	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$486 75

## COUNTY TAX

County Tax	\$1,850 19
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## STATE TAX

State Tax	\$2,392 50
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## WATER BILLS

E. H. Peaslee	\$ 2 00	
J. A. Hanson	2 00	
Mrs. K. A. Wetherbee	3 00	
F. C. Taylor	6 00	
Amherst Aqueduct Co.	26 00	
C. P. Wheeler	3 00	
Mrs. E. W. Nichols	32 00	
H. T. Harvell	2 00	
Frank Hartshorn	3 00	
G. P. Bennett	3 00	
J. H. Dodge, rep'r watering seep	6 50	
Amherst Aqueduct for schools	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$93 50

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Milford Light & Power Co.	\$ 12 17
A. L. Martin	24 19
Knight & Thomas, supplies	19 25
Knight & Thomas, 12 fire exting'ers	144 00
American La. F. Fire Co., supplies	12 50
Charles O'Neil, labor	10 20
W. W. Sloan:	
Care engine house	60 00
Chief Fire Dept.	15 00
Wetherbee fire	10 50
H. Boutelle fire	8 00
Watching fire	6 25

D. Whiting Sons, coal	12 15
Haselton & Caldwell, coal	6 90
W. B. Bird, labor	2 00
West & Perry, supplies	7 33
Mark Bennett, watching fire	2 00
Willie White, watching fire	2 50
Putnam Jenkins, labor	3 20
F. C. Taylor, supplies	7 00
Lem. Fuller, wood	1 50
L. F. Wyman, pay for firemen	200 00
C. F. Wells, fire ward	10 00
F. O. Stevens, fire ward	10 00

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\$586 64

#### ABATEMENT TAXES 1916

S. B. Webster Est., exempt	\$10 56
Cotton Mather, over tax	14 08
Walingford Heirs, over tax	1 32
Louis Aimini, over tax	13 68
Mangoli Calsan, over tax	2 12
Connor, Hugh, over tax	44
Jenkins, C. W., over tax	6 52
Marsh, Mrs. Benga, exempt	17 60
Stoddard, A., over tax	7 25
Lovejoy, Louis, over tax	4 64
Pierce, Sewell, gone away	8 16
Walker, Byron, gone away	1 76
Robinson, E. S., over 70	2 00
Harris, W. W., over 70	2 00
Bartlett, A. W. & E. J., over tax	4 00
Hayward, A. M., over 70	2 00
Fabor, Andred, over 70	2 00
Bartlett, E. J., not 21	2 00

Out of town:

Mayo, George	2 00
Elliott, John	2 00
McLeard, Edw.	2 00
Philbrick, Charles	2 00
Converse, Henry	2 00
Hardy, William	2 00
Hardy, Charles	2 00
Weston, Leslie	2 00
Wilson	2 00

Wenberg	2 06	
Burns, Tim	2 00	
Bergerson, Joseph	2 00	
Boutin	2 00	
Hamlin, I.	2 00	
Somers, George	2 00	
Holland, James	2 00	
Smith, Charles	2 00	
Griffin, Edw.	2 00	
Bills, Edw.	2 00	
Symonds, P. C.	2 00	
Locke, Howard	2 00	
Butman	2 00	
Barrett, J. J.	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$148 13

#### NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES

F. W. Lovejoy	\$ 3 94	
Willey, S. E.	94 55	
Boutiber, Enoch	2 70	
Blunt, H. H. & C. F.	3 76	
	<hr/>	\$104 95

#### RESIDENT'S PROPERTY SOLD FOR TAXES

Yunggerberger, Paul	\$14 36	
Philbrick & Son	1 06	
Stewart, Elmer E.	69 06	
Burgerson, Peter	45 38	
Roger Dillon Heirs	1 76	
	<hr/>	\$131 62

#### SNOW BILLS

John H. Dodge	\$1,014 85
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#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

John H. Dodge	\$2,983 07
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#### STATE ROAD REPAIRS

John H. Dodge	\$180 97
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## STATE ROAD REPAIRS

Trunk Line, Ben Harries	\$807 44
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## PONEMAH ROAD

John E. Colburn	\$2,323 74
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## SPRAYING ACCOUNT

The Milford Cabinet	\$ 3 95	
Enos Robinson	109 33	
J. B. Varick Co.	98 73	
A. L. Martin	3 86	
Milford Machine Co.	6 50	
West & Perry	10 50	
H. H. Parkhurst	8 40	
Hill Hardware Co.	44 43	
Enos Robinson	94 87	
	<hr/>	\$380 57

## CEMETERY

L. F. Wyman	\$383 00	
W. L. Cross	19 50	
Tonella & Sons	24 00	
F. C. Taylor	2 00	
H. T. Harvell	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$430 50

## TOWN POOR

P. B. Flint	\$ 72 00	
Mrs. Sawtelle	120 00	
Mrs. Pearsons	120 00	
Mrs. Wilson	32 00	
Dennis Buckley	35 00	
W. D. Clark, auto to County farm	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$385 00

## COUNTY

A. L. Martin for Geo. Merrill	\$72 00
Mrs. McLean	4 03

Oscar Burns, M. D., care tramp	3 00	
For care tramps	18 25	
	<hr/>	\$97 28

## SOLDIERS' AID

Mrs. Lillian Lovejoy for Mrs. Stevenson		\$96 00
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## POLICE

A. L. Martin, carrying police	\$ 4 00	
W. E. Jennings	66 47	
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## PRINTING, STATIONERY, ETC.

West & Perry	\$ 1 50	
H. B. Burtt, stationery & stamps	10 95	
W. E. Murphy, stationery & postage	2 00	
A. L. Martin, bill paper	25	
Edson C. Eastman Co., invoice book and receipt book	12 59	
F. W. Brown, postage & stationery	1 76	
Milford Cabinet, printing reports	77 40	
J. P. Melzer, voting lists	6 00	
Annie E. White, copy of transfers	6 56	
Emma L. Clark, sending reports	2 25	
Emma L. Clark, clerical work	19 00	
	<hr/>	\$140 26

## MISCELLANEOUS

R. H. Prince:		
Cash paid for telephone	\$ 2 50	
Stationery and postage	1 05	
Freight on arsenate of lead	1 61	
Gasoline for spraying	2 15	
Bounty on hedgehogs	5 40	
Grasmere with W. Burns	5 00	
Notify family of death of W. Burns	1 00	
Grasmere with David Geddes	4 50	
Milford & Grasmere with D. Buckley	2 50	

Trip to Manchester to settle with County	4 50
W. W. Sloan, return marriages, birth and death	11 00
H. S. Hutchinson, M. D., birth and death	2 00
A. W. Howison, pipe	2 72
F. A. Holbrook, slating on church	100 00
T. W. Harvell, bounty on hedgehogs	40
T. W. Harvell, bounty on wild cat	2 00
B. Munson, mowing	4 00
L. F. Wyman, mownig park	9 50
J. H. Dodge, moving flag staff	1 50
H. B. Fairbanks, selling Rideout house	14 50
C. D. Barnard, advertising real est.	1 75
	<hr/> \$179 58

RODNEY H. PRINCE,  
THOMAS W. HARVELL,  
GEORGE L. GOODALE,  
Selectmen.

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We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,  
C. P. DODGE  
Auditors.



## Report of Town Treasurer

Dr.

Balance in treasury Feb. 16, 1916	\$ 2,606	25
C. W. Going, collector taxes 1915	2,449	50
C. W. Going, collector taxes 1916	17,406	78
Insurance tax	3	75
Railroad tax	844	70
Savings Bank tax	1,898	78
Literary fund	135	24
School fund	252	00
Interest on trust funds	87	73
Souhegan National Bank	6,000	00
State Treasurer, Highway Dept.:		
Maintenance account	362	11
State Aid Maint'ce Acct., C. Pher-		
son and supplies	87	50
Joint Fund Acct.	388	45
State Treas., for forest fires	76	25
Pulsifer cemetery fund	200	00
A. Jaquith cemetery fund	400	00
W. R. Clark cemetery fund	100	00
Sale of Rideout house	450	00
Junk licenses	13	00
Pool licenses	20	00
Bowling alley license	30	00
From trustees of trust funds for		
labor on cemetery lots	150	00
From trustees of Eastman and Tripp		
cemetery fund	20	00
Rent of town house	60	00
Dog licenses	110	20
Spraying trees	52	50
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		\$34,204 74

Cr.

Paid on Selectmen's orders	\$32,656	76
Cash in treasury	1,547	98
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		\$34,204 74

## RECAPITULATION

Whole amount received	\$34,204 74	
Paid on orders for selectmen	32,656 76	
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Cash in treasury	\$1,547 98	
Uncollected taxes 1916	3,100 18	
	<hr/>	\$4,648 16
Notes outstanding:		
Merrimack River Savings Bank	\$9,000 00	
Merrimack River Savings Bank	2,000 00	
Trustees trust funds	3,535 00	
	<hr/>	\$14,535 00
*Town's indebtedness		\$9,886 84

\*There is still due from the County, as a rebate for county charges and tramps' accounts, \$187.06. This reduces the town's indebtedness a corresponding amount.

FREDERICK W. BROWN,  
Treasurer.

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We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,  
C. P. DODGE,  
Auditors

# Report of Road Agent

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J. H. DODGE, Road Agent,

In account with the Town of Amherst

Dr.

Received of Town Treas. as per or-  
ders of Selectmen

\$2,983 07

Dynamite

4 13

\$2,987 20

Cr.

Clesson Fields

\$ 14 63

E. H. Peaslee

18 00

W. L. Cross

123 79

H. T. Harvell

22 11

American Express Co.

93

F. W. Noyes

6 15

Mrs. F. W. Chase

4 00

C. J. Upham

15 04

P. M. Odell

3 84

Waldo Bros.

4 00

Tom. Blakey

2 00

N. D. Wright

5 44

R. J. Sherman

5 16

Penn. Metal Co.

46 68

Harry Adams

2 56

M. B. Carpenter

3 50

F. D. West

20 80

A. W. Ogden

20 26

North East Metal Co.

55 00

L. Stockwell

32 50

A. L. Martin

18 91

New Eng. Road Mch. Co.

7 60

H. H. Piper

1 00

Gust. Peterson

5 00

West & Perry

2 38

James E. Caldwell

27 00

W. M. Chandler

1 40



L. E. Clark	50
Chas. P. Wheeler	4 24
Ed. Noyes	1 68
Lemuel Fuller	56
Kendall & Wilkins	22 00
A. W. Howison	2 40
F. S. Keyser	2 42
Ed. Caldwell	1 52
Frank Bills	285 80
George Parker	301 44
Henry Stockwell	146 19
Wm. Moulton	290 14
James Atkinson	281 09
A. L. Pease	46 59
Leonard Stockwell	77 51
J. H. Dodge	383 69
Four horses	641 75
Team carrying help	28 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DODGE.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,  
C. P. DODGE,  
Auditors.

## SNOW ACCOUNT

Dr.

Amount received of town treasurer  
on orders of Selectmen

\$1,014 83

Cr.

H. M. Hayward	\$ 86 33
Horace Hanson	3 00
Sumner F. Merrill	17 75
E. H. Peaslee	16 75
J. A. Hanson	38 16
F. W. Noyes	22 54
E. C. Hubbard	23 08
Thomas Harvell	227 68
J. E. Fowle	43 37
E. A. Seabury	13 50
Frank Hartshorn	50 13
Richard Hare	24 63
W. E. Jennings	13 03
H. A. Nelson	26 25
Frank Stearns	14 50
R. Elliott	13 50
John Woolley	8 00
Charles Pherson	12 25
Ben. Monson	4 75
Howard Locke	34 61
Harry Boutelle	23 66
Mark Bennett	2 89
F. D. Hodges	3 50
B. W. Prince	4 25
Albert Hubley	34 50
Ed. Carr	5 16
A. H. Wheeler	3 32
George Goodale	2 25
J. H. Dodge	47 16
L. W. Troop	8 06
A. L. Goodale	1 21
P. M. Odell	27 25
H. J. Cochran	22 55
Wm. Crooker	4 14
George Crother	75
A. L. Pease	4 45

Harry Edson	3 00
W. L. Cross	50 76
Philip Fuller	29 86
E. E. Hodgeman	1 10
W. B. Hodgedon	3 35
H. H. Piper	1 50
C. S. Fielding	1 76
Henry Lang	12 04
Charles O'Neil	4 25
C. J. Upham	8 29
G. A. Trow	1 75
L. B. Bryant	8 26

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W. D. CLARK,  
C. P. DODGE,  
Auditors.

## REPAIRING STATE HIGHWAY

Dr.

Received from Treasurer as per order of Selectmen

\$180 97

Cr.

Frank Bills	\$21 38
George Parker	21 38
Wm. Moulton	21 38
James Atkinson	21 38
L. Stockwell	21 38
J. H. Dodge	23 12
Team carting	35 75
F. W. Noyes	2 90
Mrs. F. W. Chase	12 30

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W. D. CLARK,  
C. P. DODGE,  
Auditors.

# THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

# AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

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### OFFICERS

President	Charles P. Dodge
Secretary and Treasurer	Mrs. Flora A. Hanson
Librarian appointed by trustees	Mrs. Alice M. Wyman

### TRUSTEES

Mrs. Jennie Walker	Term expires March	1917
Charles P. Dodge	" "	1917
Mrs. Flora A. Hanson	" "	1918
Rev. Jonathan Lewis	" "	1918
Miss Lucy R. Fletcher	" "	1919
Harold H. Wilkins	" "	1919

The Trustees herewith submit their annual report which shows an increase in circulation, which is very gratifying, but a decrease in the number of families represented and cards issued. A steady increase from year to year in the number of volumes has resulted in the shelves being nearly full and more shelf room will be needed at an early date. The usual careful attention has been given both building and grounds which we trust meets the approval of the citizens of the town.

### STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

Number of books issued	5,998
Number of magazines issued	1,701
Total circulation	7,699
Number of books non fiction	576
Number of books fiction	5,422
Books taken out by adults	4,473
Books taken out by juveniles	1,525



Number of cards issued	256
Number of families represented	130
Number of volumes donated	55
Number of volumes purchased	41
Number of magazines bound	23
Number of books purchased to replace	3
Public documents	9
Total additions	128
Total number of volumes Feb. 15, 1917	5,808

### THE PARKER FUND

From the town treasurer there was received \$30.80 with which 16 volumes have been purchased.

### THE OSGOOD BEQUEST

From the bequest of Mrs. Sarah A. Osgood 1 volume was purchased.

### GENERAL GIFTS

Mrs. Geo. S. Eaton, Farmer's Cabinet Nov. 11, 1802	
Mrs. Geo. W. Nichols, The Norsemen of New Hampshire, Farmers Cabinet Dec. 4, 1835	
Mrs. Geo. A. Spalding, interesting old papers 1772-1826	
Judge G. W. Haselton, Lincoln and the Convention of 1860	
Mrs. George A. Spalding	15 volumes
Mrs. N. S. Bean	7
Mrs. F. A. Smith	6
Miss S. P. Barker	5
Miss F. M. Steele	4
G. H. Campbell	3
R. D. Ware	3
Mrs. Lyons	2
Mrs. E. F. Locke	2
H. Maxine	2
J. K. Smythe	1
Mrs. Carl Bitter	1
A. W. Biting	1
S. Thompson	1
National City Bank N. York	1
Unknown	1

Christian Science Journal 1916, Eddy Fund  
 New Hampshire Fish and Game 1916, R. D. Ware  
 Literary Digest, L. F. Wyman  
 Milford Cabinet, Col. W. B. Rotch  
 Old Colony Memorial 1916, giver unknown  
 Review of Reviews, R. D. Ware  
 Rockefeller Foundation annual report 1915  
 Travel Magazine 1916, a friend  
 Twenty-second annual report of Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration 1916  
 Pamphlets 32

### MAGAZINES

The list of magazines is as follows, volumes bound last year being indicated by an asterisk.

American Boy  
 Atlantic\*  
 Century Magazine\*  
 Christian Science Monthly  
 Country Gentleman  
 Granite Monthly\*  
 Harper's Magazine\*  
 Ladies' Home Journal  
 Little Folks (American Edition)\*  
 Munsey  
 Popular Mechanics\*  
 Review of Reviews\*  
 Scribner's Magazine\*  
 Something To Do, Juvenile\*  
 St. Nicholas\*  
 Sunset  
 Travel  
 World's Work\*  
 Youth's Companion

A list of books added during the year may be secured of the librarian.

The treasurer's report follows.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES,  
 By the President.

## LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

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AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY,

In account with Flora A. Hanson, Treasurer

Dr.

Balance	\$ 75 94	
Appropriation	300 00	
Parker fund	44 67	
Fines	3 85	
Gift	1 50	
Binding book	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$427 46

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Librarian	\$50 00	
Janitor	25 00	
Books	80 16	
Magazines	28 25	
Fuel	28 50	
Care of grounds	48 75	
Binding, etc.	39 95	
Lighting	12 75	
Printing	9 40	
Typewriting cards	2 06	
Cleaning Library	5 00	
Express, postage and supplies	24 25	
Balance	73 39	
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FLORA A. HANSON,  
Treasurer.

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W. D. CLARK,  
C. P. DODGE,  
Auditors.





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
AND  
DISTRICT TREASURER  
OF THE  
TOWN OF AMHERST

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1917

## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

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### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district the thirteenth day of March 1917, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
7. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.
8. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for repairs and furnishing of school houses.
9. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for salaries of the officers of the school district.
10. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for the insuring of school property.
11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 24th day of February, 1917.

WILLIAM W. SLOAN,  
FANNIE L. CLARK,  
RICHARD D. WARE,  
School Board.

# ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE 1915-1916

## AMHERST HIGH SCHOOL

### Three Terms

Willard C. Brown	Norman B. C. Emerson
Roy Edward Towne	Marion L. Hooper
Hazel Pease	Grace W. Stevens
Mary F. Stevens	

### Two Terms

George W. Boutelle	Dwight P. Brown
Joseph Le Roy Trow	Abbie Boutelle
Charlotte Boutelle	Marion Bennett

### One Term

Carrie R. Jennings	Emma M. Nelson
Marion E. Towne	Warren Boutelle
Cora Carpenter	Lillian E. Pearson
Elva Pherson	Cevie Towne
Clarence Chickering	

## GRADES I, II, III (Centre)

### Whole Year

Donald Caldwell	Clarence Richardson
Richard Towne	Esther Richardson
Ruth Richardson	

### Two Terms

Pearl Mason

### One Term

Normann Vincent

## GRADES IV, V, VI (Centre)

### Two Terms

Everett W. Latham

**One Term**

Laura H. Gibson	Alice A. Warren
C. Oscar W. Pearson	Annetter Merrill
Helma E. Monson	Esther F. M. Monson
Erwyn P. Seabury	Ruth Atkinson
Doris M. Wooley	

**BORDER ST., NO. 2**

**Two Terms**

John Brown	Walter Sullivan
Arthur White	

**One Term**

Thomas Doyle	Leo White
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**NO. 3**

**Two Terms**

Verna Woolley

**One Term**

Edna H. Goodale

**NO. 5**

**Two Terms**

Alpheus L. Beals

**One Term**

Alexander Ingram	Richard Ingram
Marion Richardson	

**NO. 7**

**Two Terms**

Richard Hare

**One Term**

Orson H. Bragdon	Russell A. Thomas
Ethiel V. Adams	Maurice S. Hanson
Carl W. Prince	



NO. 9

**Two Terms**

Luella Ring

Henry Robinson

William Ring

**One Term**

Sabrielle Bernard

Ralph Plummer

NO. 10

**Two Terms**

Edna M. Odell

**One Term**

Leonard Hayward

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, JUNE 1916

Lillian Pearson

Mohena Evans

## REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

## Dr.

To bal. in treasury Feb. 15, 1916	\$ 445 57	
Town appropriation by law	2,392 50	
Town appropriation by vote	3,000 00	
Balance of 1915 appropriation	400 00	
Appropriation for flags (by law)	25 00	
Appropriation for text books	400 00	
Borrowed from Repair fund	200 00	
Borrowed from Nutt fund	1,146 81	
Officers' salaries	120 00	
Mont Vernon tuition	260 00	
New Boston tax	48 60	
Ross and Glover tuition	121 05	
Jean Nadau, tuition	7 50	
Literary fund	135 24	
School fund	252 00	
Dog tax	180 60	
Adjustment of H. H. Barber bill	16 00	
Sale of shop work, School No. 1	2 00	
		<hr/> \$9,152 87

## Cr.

Paid for teaching	\$6,245 35	
Fuel	251 19	
Care of school houses	333 63	
Transportation	707 50	
Flags	21 93	
Officers' salaries	167 00	
Tuition	153 00	
Text books	400 35	
New equipment	490 13	
Miscellaneous	268 46	
Balance in treasury	114 33	
		<hr/> \$9,152 87

## TEACHING

A. B. Rotch (for salary of Supt.)	\$546 00
F. C. Bradford	972 17

Emma A. Gould	279 16
Maud G. Murphy	274 95
Louise H. Hardy	259 60
Marguerite Whitney	274 95
Florence L. Margot	497 07
Ruth E. Whittemore	386 00
Ruth F. Hathaway	204 00
Ethel Wright	216 00
Chas. F. Wyman (instruction in shop work)	26 95
None F. Kennedy	420 00
Lillie T. A. Torngren	170 00
Lois Patterson	216 00
Addie P. Forbes	385 00
Bertha L. Piper	399 50
Ruth Boudreau	368 00
Edna A. Wilson	150 00
Roxy M. Dunbar	30 00
Anna V. Bursley	170 00
	<hr/> \$6,245 35

## FUEL

Lemuel Fuller, wood	\$36 50
Percy M. Odell, wood	12 00
Chas. J. Upham, wood	13 88
L. E. Clark, wood	26 00
W. D. Clark, wood	3 00
R. W. Prince	20 00
T. W. Harvell, wood	12 50
A. C. Richardson, wood	18 00
Enos S. Robinson, sawing	1 50
Louis N. Adams, sawing	3 00
Asahel Morang, sawing	1 00
F. W. Crooker, sawing wood	1 25
Carl W. Prince, sawing	1 00
Harry Wetherbee, sawing	1 00
Orson H. Bragdon, putting in wood	65
Edw. Towne, drawing slabs	1 50
F. C. Taylor, coal	60 80
D. Whiting & Sons, coal	5 90
Haseltine & Caldwell, coal	31 71
	<hr/> \$251 19

## CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES

L. F. Wyman, school No. 1	\$100 00	
C. F. Wyman, care No. 1	131 00	
Thomas Doyle, care No. 2	7 70	
George W. Wooley, care No. 3	7 35	
Edna Goodale, care No. 3	1 40	
Addie P. Forbes, care No. 5	7 35	
F. W. Crooker, care No. 5	5 25	
Orson H. Bragdon, care No. 7	14 10	
Henry W. Robinson, care No. 9	12 60	
Leonard Haywood, care No. 10	9 40	
H. A. Nelson, ploughing at No. 1	3 50	
John H. Dodge, fertilizer at No. 1	10 13	
W. E. Jennings, teaming sand from No. 1	4 50	
A. W. Merrill, cleaning at No. 1	8 00	
J. H. Broderick, work on yard, No. 2	2 00	
Mrs. J. Buckley, cleaning, No. 2	5 25	
Carrie A. Taylor, cleaning, No. 5	1 60	
Harvey H. Piper, grading No. 7	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$333 63

## TRANSPORTATION

W. D. Clark	\$255 00	
Levi Stockwell	145 00	
Levi Raymond	117 00	
M. W. Perry	98 00	
J. W. Morse	85 50	
Harold Burt	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$707 50

## FLAGS

W. F. French (flag and pole)	\$ 4 00	
Milton Bradley Co. (bunting)	17 93	
	<hr/>	\$21 93

## SCHOOL OFFICERS

Chas. P. Dodge, auditor	\$ 2 00
W. D. Clark, treasurer 1915	30 00
J. E. Hodlin, truant officer	8 00

A. L. Keyes, premium on treas. bond	3 00	
W. E. Murphy, treasurer 1916	20 00	
W. W. Sloan	30 00	
Fannie L. Clark	30 00	
R. D. Ware	30 00	
W. W. Sloan, clerk	4 00	
F. W. Brown, treasurer	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$167 00

## TUITION

Town of Milford	\$99 00	
Town of Merrimack	54 00	
	<hr/>	\$153 00

## APPROPRIATION FOR TEXT BOOKS

Dr.

Town appropriation	\$400 00
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Cr.

E. E. Babb & Co.	\$ 21 18	
Chas. Scribner's Sons	4 12	
D. C. Heath & Co.	3 84	
E. E. Babb & Co.	168 09	
Houghton Mifflin & Co.	15 12	
D. C. Heath Co.	6 72	
Ginn & Co.	49 51	
Little, Brown & Co.	18 68	
The Macmillan Co.	25 95	
E. Babb Co.	58 61	
American Book Co.	14 26	
American Book Co.	14 27	
	<hr/>	\$400 35

## NEW EQUIPMENT

Henry Cochran, labor and stock at	
No. 1	\$128 00
Union Stamp Works, steel st'ps, etc	14 48
W. F. French, tools	3 59
L. F. Wyman, supplies and labor	93 76



C. P. Dodge, hardware	2 38	
Frank Hartshorn Co., lumber	49 15	
Fred Bergami, electric fittings	8 35	
W. E. Murphy, freight & express	1 04	
J. B. Varick, tools for forge room	84 51	
F. C. Taylor, labor and supplies	21 58	
Bertha L. Piper, cooking material	20 00	
Hill Hardwarre & Paint Co., tools	4 00	
Manchester Hardware Co., tools, etc.	31 50	
Fred Bergami, electrical work	27 79	
	<hr/>	\$490 13

## MISCELLANEOUS

W. E. Murphy, express	\$ 80	
West & Perry, supplies	22 62	
A. L. Martin, supplies	29 95	
E. S. Heald, writing diplomas	50	
Fred H. Clark, cartage & freight	1 92	
Orson Bragdon	31	
West & Perry, supplies	13 60	
B. & M. R. R., freight	3 37	
The Milford Cabinet, printing	17 75	
A. W. Ogden, stock	5 49	
H. H. Barber	3 93	
W. F. French	10 99	
Frank Hartshorn Co.	14 36	
A. L. Martin	21 03	
West & Perry	50 06	
Rent for chapel annex	45 00	
W. E. Murphy, postage	3 00	
F. W. Brown, postage	1 30	
A. W. Smith, phone, car fare, postage	3 93	
M. L. & P. Co.	18 55	
	<hr/>	\$268 46

## NUTT FUND

Dr.

Bal. in treasury Feb. 15, 1916	\$ 562 05	
Int. rec'd from trustees, Feb. 1, '17	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,562 05

## Cr.

Hoard's Dairyman, subscription	\$ 75	
Holt & Co., supplies	2 10	
Shenadoah Nurseries, apple roots	1 50	
Brown Howland Co., 12 joggers	11 10	
The University Prints	60	
Piper & McIntire, records, etc.	7 55	
H. H. Barber, desk and supplies	23 59	
Little Brown & Co., books	6 13	
E. E. Babb & Co.	83 14	
E. M. Stickney	23	
The Milford Cabinet, paper	1 67	
Mrs. E. F. Locke, books	33 75	
The Macmillan Co., books	27 15	
C. E. Merrill Co.	3 01	
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	6 69	
R. E. Lane	3 00	
House Beautiful, subscription	1 00	
T. A. Nelson & Son	75 60	
Cambridge Botanical Sub. Co. lab. supplies	120 58	
Central Scientific Co., Babcock tester	6 00	
*Loaned to general expense	1,146 81	
		\$1,562 05

\*This amount has been devoted to the further maintenance of the High School, teachers' salaries, etc., during the year.

## REPAIR FUND

## Dr.

Balance in treasury Feb. 16, 1916	\$ 76 70	
Town appropriation	400 00	
		\$476 70

## Cr.

W. D. Clark, transferring help to Nos. 7 and 10	\$ 5 00
Lester Bartlett, repairing flag rope	50
Levi Stockwell, building fence	18 68

A. W. Howison, clapboards	7 22	
J. P. Fletcher, paint	3 45	
West & Perry, repair supplies	57 69	
C. F. Wyman, work	27 37	
W. F. French, repair supplies	4 66	
L. F. Wyman, repairs	35 75	
F. T. Boutelle, repairs	30 00	
P. Jenkins, repairs	11 00	
A. W. Howison, supplies	1 00	
H. H. Parkhurst, repairs	4 25	
Frank C. Taylor, repairs	27 18	
Lemuel Fuller, plank	2 16	
Loaned to General Expense	200 00	
Balance in treasury	40 79	
	<hr/>	\$476 70

## LAWRENCE FUND

Dr.

Bal. in treasury Feb. 16, 1916	\$52 74	
Rec'd. from Northern R. R.	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$88 74

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W. P. Goodman, books	\$23 83	
Balance in treasury	64 91	
	<hr/>	\$88 74

FREDERICK W. BROWN,  
Treasurer

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,  
C. P. DODGE,  
Auditors

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board of Amherst:—

I herewith submit the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools.

There are at present 177 pupils and twelve teachers in all the schools in town distributed according to the following table:—

### ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOLS AND GRADES

Feb. 15, 1917

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T
High School							11	6	21	10	8	8	64
F. C. Bradford													
Florence L. Margot													
Maud G. Murphy*													
Intermediate				9	3	11							23
Marguerite Whitney*													
Primary	4	10	6										20
Ethel Wright*													
No. 2	2	2	4	7	5	3							23
None F. Kennedy													
No. 3	1	1	3	1		1	2						9
Lois L. Patterson*													
No. 5	2	1	4		3		1						11
Addie P. Forbes													
No. 7	3	4		1		2	2						12
Bertha L. Piper													
No. 9	1		2		1	2	1						7
Edna Wilson* (1 term)													
Roxy Dunbar*													
No. 10		3		2	1		2						8
Ruth Boudreau													
Total	13	21	19	20	13	19	16	9	21	10	8	8	177

\*First year in Amherst

Length of school year for all schools, 36 weeks

Amherst was fortunate in retaining over half of its last year's teaching staff. We should aim to secure good

teachers and then keep them. There has been only one change during this school year. Miss Edna Wilson, at School No. 9, resigned at the end of the first term. Her place has been taken by Miss Roxy Dunbar who has had three years' teaching experience.

## HIGH SCHOOL

The program of last year has been followed with two changes: (1) Ancient History has been substituted for Algebra in the agricultural and Domestic Arts courses. (2) Seniors in the classical course have been allowed a choice between Review Mathematics and a third year of French.

The problem of four teachers handling the whole work of six grades with three different curricula (classical, domestic arts, and agriculture) is a difficult one. There are 33 different courses (a course is one year's work in any subject) in the last four years of the High School. By alternating some subjects in two successive years, seven courses are omitted each year. This leaves 26, but by combining classes this is reduced to 24. Each course has recitations daily. In addition eight periods daily are needed for the work of the seventh and eighth grades. These 32 daily periods divided among four teachers gives each eight. This means that after the close of school each teacher must plan and prepare eight different lessons after conducting as many during the day. Besides this, there are often papers to be corrected and help given to individual pupils outside of school hours. This situation can be remedied only by increasing the number of teachers or decreasing the number of courses. The latter is not desirable and the former may be prohibited on account of the expense. But in any case I think the citizens ought to understand the situation and realize that the teachers have to perform many diverse tasks.

The work in Agriculture is going well. A Babcock milk tester has been purchased this year and its use thoroughly learned. In the shop work the boys are making practical, useful articles. The blacksmith room is fitted with two forges, two anvils, post drill, and the necessary tools. Mr. Wyman is conducting this work in a very practical way. He has installed some stout

and durable wall benches. The boys are prepared to do work for the cost of materials and have turned out several creditable pieces. The shop work is intended to be on just such every day jobs as confront a farmer and not on show work.

A complete equipment for the laboratory work in Physics has been purchased.

A set of Nelson's loose leaf encyclopedia has been put in the High School. The old set was all in pieces and out-of-date. We are to receive twice a year new leaves to replace matter that recent developments have rendered obsolete. So this encyclopedia is always up to the minute. In addition we have the privilege of asking the firm to look up and report to us on any subject whatever.

The School Board has very wisely built a new supply room for the storage of books, papers, etc., by partitioning off a corner of Miss Whittemore's room. Her room is very large and this space will not be missed. The present supply room is in the basement underneath the entrance hall and basement stairway. A large amount of dirt sifts down upon the supplies and the dampness of an underground room is bad for books and papers. Besides eliminating these disadvantages the new room will be much more convenient.

A little remodelling of the High School building should be done in order to increase its usefulness. At present several classes are held in the chapel next to the school. This arrangement is undesirable and uneconomical for several reasons. 1, It necessitates an out-door journey in all sorts of weather. It is just short enough so that most of the pupils go without extra wraps, thus running the risk of getting chilled in cold weather. 2, There is no system of bells connecting the main building and the "annex" and as a result it is almost impossible for recitations to begin and close in the two buildings at the same time. So pupils returning from the "annex" arrive either too soon and thus interrupt recitations not yet finished, or too late, thus causing their classmates to wait for them. Much time is wasted this way. 3, It requires extra expense to heat and care for "the annex". Moreover the floor is carpeted. A carpet on a schoolroom floor I regard as unhygienic because it necessarily gets very dirty and the tramp of many



feet raises considerable dust. A carpet cannot be kept as clean as a bare floor.

Accordingly I recommend that we abandon the annex and make accommodations in the High School building for all classes. The room at the rear upstairs can be used for domestic arts classes. If a range is to be used as I believe it should, as the girls ought to get used to cooking on them, a chimney will have to be built. This chimney ought to be built anyway to provide a better draft at the forges. The present flue is so poor that the building is often filled with smoke. A sink and water are already installed.

This room is now used by the classes in agriculture and physics so a new laboratory will have to be provided for them. One can easily be built by partitioning off the side of the intermediate room next to the common. Part of this is already occupied by the new store room, but there is enough space left for a laboratory. Drainage for a sink can be conveniently provided. For heating there is already a small stove there, or a new pipe could be run from the furnace.

## RURAL SCHOOLS

The buildings have been well cared for and several minor repairs made. It is difficult to get workmen to attend to repairs on rural schools. The journey to and from the school often takes twice as much time as the job itself. In the matter of lighting, all of our rural schools in use at present, except No.2, fail to conform to the standards which are in general use. The light now comes from three sides, causing disagreeable cross lights. The light should all come from the left, then as the pupil writes with his right hand there are no shadows cast on his paper. The left side of the building should be entirely devoted to windows which should reach the ceiling in order that the light may be better reflected downward from the white ceiling. The window space should be one-fifth of the floor area, and preferably one-quarter. In order to meet this standard of lighting additional windows will have to be cut on one side and the windows on the other sides closed and the wall space devoted to blackboards. It might be mentioned here that a blackboard between two windows, as is often now the case, is

in a disadvantageous position because the light from the windows does not fall on the board but does fall directly into the pupil's eyes. Now the expense of such alteration is not large and but one school need be remodelled each year. The pupils' eyes are certainly worthy of all consideration. I am well aware that the schools in their present condition of lighting have been used by many pupils and so, it may be argued, can still be used by many more. That is true, but I am sure that if conditions can be improved we all stand agreed that everything should be made exactly right as soon as possible.

No. 9, needs freshening inside by new paper and paint. Slate blackboards should also be installed here.

No. 7, needs a well since the children have to carry water over half a mile. This is too much to ask of them. I wish especially to commend the good work being done in this school. The ordinary class work is unusually efficient and the pupils, under Miss Piper's guidance and encouragement are wide awake students of current events. The boys in this school have for some time been in the habit of attending to small repairs and they have worked with such zeal and success that the School Board decided to buy some tools for them and at the same time provide an equipment for cooking for the girls. There is a small coat room which the boys cleaned and fitted with a work bench, cabinet for tools, and table for cooking. An oil stove is used. The aid of the pupils' parents was enlisted: in fact a local parent-teachers association was formed. The parents contribute raw materials so that a hot lunch is prepared every noon at school. What this means to the pupils everyone knows who has had to eat cold lunches. The boys set panes of glass when necessary, do what painting is necessary, and have just finished shingling the outhouse. They also calculated the number of shingles necessary to do this. It is evident that with this cooking and the necessity for washing the hands an abundant supply of water is needed on the spot.

I hope to be able to place in each rural school next year some reference books in addition to the ones already there. There is nothing in school teaching I dislike so much as the reading and practically memorizing of a single book in any subject. Pupils should have access to many reference books to broaden their knowledge and develop a spirit of research. One of the greatest

criticisms of the pupils is that they do not think. One of the reasons for this is a slavish acceptance of the statements found in a single text book. Different authorities with divergent points of view counteract this.

We have the so-called 6-6 school organization. That is, there are six years in the elementary school and six in the secondary or high school. Amherst was among the first towns in the state to organize its schools in that way. I believe it is correct. This arrangement is limited, however, to the village school and I think it should include the rural schools also. I am a believer in the one-room rural school, under our New England conditions, and I want to see these schools made as nearly equal to the central schools as conditions will permit. The rural school in my opinion, will never cease to exist and ought not to until we can find means of transportation equal to the magic carpet of Arabian Nights fame, which carried people in an instant of time to the nethermost parts of the earth. If transportation difficulties should vanish, then I should want to have all children assembled in a central school, but not until then.

The seventh and eighth grades at the village have manual training, domestic arts, and French. The rural schools have none of these except at No. 7, which has manual training and cooking. At No. 10 the boys are making a table, but have no equipment for regular work.

Now I do not believe that it will be generally possible for all the seventh and eighth grade boys and girls of Amherst to come to the village school. Therefore we must give in the rural schools the same instruction as in the village schools, else our pupils will be at a disadvantage when they do come in for the ninth grade or the first year in the high school, as it used to be reckoned. I question whether there is a real demand for French in the seventh and eighth grades. If there is, it ought to be retained, for our schools should teach what the people need. If there is no demand, I suggest that French be postponed until the ninth or tenth grade, because as a general rule it will be difficult to obtain teachers in the rural schools with adequate preparation in French. They can "study up" almost any other subject, but can hardly make up any deficiencies in a foreign language. I would substitute for French the study of elementary science in which the children will learn about the con-

cerns of every-day life. The seventh and eighth grade pupils would then study United States history, elementary science, mathematics, hygiene, manual training or cooking and sewing, drawing, music, literature and geography if not completed before. Teachers can readily be secured for these subjects for the Normal schools are preparing them. With this arrangement the two upper grades in each rural school will constitute a small Junior High School, the elementary school ending at the sixth grade. There is one possible difficulty in this schedule and that is a school in which occur all eight grades. It is physically impossible for one teacher to handle adequately so many subjects. I know it has been done but the recitation periods have to be so short as to be wholly insufficient for really good results, especially in the upper grades. In such cases either the older pupils should be transported to the center, or an assistant hired.

I wish to express my appreciation of the co-operation of the School Board and teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED W. SMITH

Superintendent.

## ATTENDANCE TABLE

	No. Pupils Regis.	Boys	Girls	Av. Attendance	Av. Membership	P. C. Attendance	No. Tardinesses	Not Absent or Tardy
High School	58	32	26	47.85	50.86	94.	288	8
Intermediate	22	8	14	19.53	20.84	93.7	42	0
Primary	26	18	8	20.9	22.1	94.56	18	5
No. 2	37	22	15	25.24	27.59	90.	173	0
No. 3	19	11	8	11.26	11.73	95.9	69	0
No. 5	11	6	5	9.65	10.1	95.	31	0
No. 7	17	8	9	11.82	12.98	91.	0	0
No. 9	7	3	4	4.9	5.11	97.	68	0
No. 10	8	4	4	6.48	8.	81.	35	0
Total	205	112	93	157.63	169.31	93.1	724	13

Length of schoolyear for all school	36 weeks
Number of non-resident pupils in High school	9
Number pupils under 5	2
Number pupils between 5 and 8	41
Number pupils between 8 and 14	114
Number pupils between 14 and 16	31
Number pupils over 16	17

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## REPORT OF HEAD MASTER

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Amherst, N. H., February 21, 1917.

Mr. A. W. Smith, Milford, N. H.,

My dear Sir: —

I beg to submit my report of the Amherst High School for the present school year.

1. Diplomas were conferred last June upon Lillian Pearson and Mohena Evans.

2. The total registration of pupils for the year is 67, the largest number since the school was re-opened in 1914.

3. The farm project work this past summer comprised the pruning and grafting of a specified number of apple trees, together with the propagation of young trees or blackberry plants. This work was carried out by the boys with rather better results than could be expected of the average beginner.

4. With the opening of school in September, the work in blacksmithing was placed in charge of Mr. Charles Wyman. The results of this work have been particularly gratifying. Under Mr. Wyman's direction the boys have made various articles, such as angle-braces, cold-chisels, bolts, sled-dogs, whiffle-trees, eveners, staple-pullers, and are now making a nailing press for boxed apples. The woodworking has followed the same general lines as in previous years, an effort being made to have the pupils make articles that will be of use at home. The boys of the seventh and eighth grades have made bird-houses, bulletin files, nail carriers and wind-mills, while the high school boys have made chicken coops, feed-hoppers, hammer-handles and wall racks and are now undertaking the construction of book-cases and brooders. An effort has been made to encourage the use of cheap material whenever possible without weakening the article constructed.

5. In agriculture the Babcock tester has been perhaps the chief feature. Thirty or more samples have been tested, mostly in duplicate. This service is performed free for any resident of Amherst. Our only regret is that it has not been more widely utilized as we



feel that it can be made of great service.

6. In Domestic Science the work has been mainly in sewing, household sanitation, furnishing and in home nursing. Though not so spectacular as the cooking, which is given in alternate years, this work has solid value which will be more appreciated by the students later than it is now.

7. The other courses have not changed materially from previous years. On the whole I feel that there has been an increased efficiency over the work of previous years.

Yours very truly,

F. C. BRADFORD,  
Head Master.

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## Report of Tax Collector

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### 1915 Taxes

Amt. of taxes uncollected for 1915		\$2,449 50
By amt. paid town treasurer	\$2,064 80	
Abatements	384 70	
	<hr/>	\$2,449 50

### 1916 Taxes

To amount of tax assessed		\$20,506 96
By amt. paid town treasurer	\$17,406 78	
Uncollected & in hands of collector	3,100 18	
	<hr/>	\$20,506 96

C. W. GOING,  
Collector.

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We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. D. CLARK,  
C. P. DODGE,  
Auditors.

## Report of Trustees of Trust Funds.

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Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$1800 00
Mechanics Savings Bank	2200 00
Note of Town of Amherst	3535 00
Merrimack River Savings Bank	2000 00
City Guarantee Savings Bank	1542 32
Amoskeag Savings Bank	1500 00
15 Shares Peterboro R. R. at par	1500 00
\$2000 City of Nashua 4 percent bonds	2000 00
\$2000 City of Laconia 4 percent bonds	2000 00
\$1000 Amoskeag Savings Bank	1000 00
6 Shares Northern R. R. (1 share is to income account)	500 00
Cash on deposit, Souhegan Nat. Bank	8475 00
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	\$28,052 32

### CEMETERY FUNDS

	Dr.	
Income		\$1237 44
	Cr	
Expenses	\$171 25	
Balance in General cemetery acc't	1066 19	
	<hr/>	\$1237 44

### FISKE HIGHWAY FUND

	Dr.	
Received		\$87 73
	Cr	
Cash on hand		\$87 73

### AARON LAWRENCE SCHOOL FUND

	Dr.	
Received :		\$95 67
	Cr.	
Cash on hand		\$95 67

## SPALDING FUND

	Dr.	
Income		\$376 03
	Cr.	
Paid School District treasurer		\$376 03

## E. D. BOYLSTON CEMETERY FUND

	Dr.	
Income		\$21 12
	Cr.	
Paid Wyman	\$6 75	
Cash on hand	\$14 37	
		—————\$21 12

## JOEL PARKER FUND

	Dr.	
Income		\$54 67
	Cr.	
Paid Library	\$44 67	
Paid L. F. Wyman	10 00	
		—————\$54 67

## MISS SARAH LUCRETIA LAWRENCE FUND

	Dr.	
Income		\$52 74
(to be collected from School Dist. treasurer)		
	Cr.	
1 share Northern R. R. at par \$100, or		
at price received when sold		\$152 74

Submitted by

RICHARD D. WARE

F. C. TAYLOR

in behalf of the trustees.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correct.

W. D. CLARK,

C. P. DODGE,

Auditors.

## **Vital Statistics**

To the Selectmen of Amherst, .N H.:

In compliance with an act of the Legislature enacted June session, 1887, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual reports," I submit the following.

WILLIAM W. SLOAN,  
Town Clerk.

**Births Registered in the Town of Amherst for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.**

Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.
			Male.	Female.							
Jan. 8	Amherst	Cecelia	5	W	Frank E. Sullivan	Mary A. Rossiter	W	Amherst	Stone cutter.	Woburn Mass.	Peabody Mass.
Mar. 30		Cave	4	W	Samuel H. Cave	Elizabeth Marshall	W	Hollis	Laborer	Hollis	Hollis
May 5		Ruth	2	W	Philip Fuller	Bertha Hubbard	W	Amherst	Farmer	Andover Mass.	Amherst
May 15		George M.	4	W	Alexander M. Ingram	Eva M. Willard	W		Stone cutter.	Aberdeen	Scotland
Aug. 3		Norma	4	W	Reio Consigli	Candida Besozzi	W		Granite cut r	Italy	Italy
Aug. 12		Fitzabeth M	6	B	Richard N. Hare	Jennie T. Watson	B		Salesman	Sherburn Mass.	Arkansas
" 10		John B.	6	W	John B. Ireland	Myrtie A. Allard	W		Carpenter	Windsor Vt.	Spencers N S.
" 12		Albert F.	5	W	Harry E. Edson	Elgia M. Rector	W		Woodworker	Lyndeboro	Dunstable Mass.
" 30		Eleanor F.	4	W	Charles K. Grant	Florence M. Goss	W		Merchant	Franklin	Quincy Mass.
Sept. 8		Frank A.	2	W	Ashton L. Martin	Mattie O. Dean	W		Farmer	Milford	Amherst
Oct. 12		Elizabeth	5	W	Arthur C. Richardson	Lizzie B. McKay	W		Leather fin r	Manchester	Amherst
July 21		Richard	3	W	Andrew Arnold	Maggie Leavitt	W		Farmer	Amherst	Row
Nov. 16		Ralph	8	W	Percy M. Odell	Clara M. Hammond	W		Farmer	Sweden	Norway
Oct. 15		Olive	3	W	F. A. Sherman	Maria Blomshield	W		Farmer	Ireland	Amherst
Nov. 27			3	W	Edward J. Soraghan	Carrie B. Morse	W		Meat cutter		
Dec. 13				W							

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst for the Year Ending December 31, 1916

Date of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age.		Place of birth.	Sex and condition.		Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	
		Years.	Months.		Sex.	Color.		Single, married, or widowed.	Father.			Mother.
Feb. 22	Lena P. Davis.....	1	22	Amherst.....	F	All White	S	.....	Nashua.....	Merrimack.....	John W. Davis.....	Clara Marshall.....
Mar. 14	Abbie A. Wyman.....	59		Weare.....	F		M	.....	Weare.....	Center Harbor.....	Moses W. Morse.....	Lydia A. Peaslee.....
" 18	Albert N. Lowe.....	56	11	Amherst.....	M		M	Junk dealer.....	Fitzwilliam.....	Reading Mass.....	Newton Lowe.....	Helen M. Richardson..
Apr. 18	S. Elizabeth Dickerman...	30	2	".....	F		S	Housekeeper.....	Nashua.....	Haverhill Mass.....	Geo. H. A. Dickerman...	Martha L. Dickerman...
" 25	Charles W. Evans.....	61	1	Moltonboro.....	M		M	Blacksmith.....	.....	.....	Clark Evans.....	Esther P. Robinson...
May 24	Everline M. Hartshorn...	82	7	Amherst.....	F		W	Farmer.....	.....	.....	Samuel B. Melendy...	Everline Boutell.....
June 1	James M. Jackson.....	78	3	Tamworth.....	M		M	Retired.....	Eaton.....	.....	Matthew Jackson.....	Abigail Jackson.....
" 11	William R. Clark.....	81	7	Amherst.....	M		W	At home.....	Amherst.....	Amherst.....	Ezra D. Clark.....	Harriet Felton.....
" 18	Mary G. Boutell.....	83	1	Merrimack.....	F		M	.....	Bradford.....	.....	Matthew Miller.....	.....
Aug. 15	Andrew M. Hayward.....	71	8	N. ReadingMas	M		M	Farmer.....	No. ReadingMass	Middletown Mas	Andrew Hayward...	Salome Richardson...
Oct. 4	Ray Dodge Kendall.....	23	4	2 Millford .....	M		S	Machinist.....	Lawrence Mass...	Antrim.....	Charles E. Kendall...	Alice Kate Dodge.....
Dec. 8	Melinda Whitney.....	83	10	12 Thornton .....	F		W	.....	Weare.....	.....	Moses Page.....	Betsy Boynton.....
Dec. 13	Soraghan.....			Amherst.....	F		S	.....	Ireland.....	Amherst.....	Edward Soraghan...	Carrie Morse.....



# Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst for the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	Marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Apr. 18	Nashua.....	Henry M. Lenz .....	Amherst.....	23	All white	Farmer.....	Manchester ...	Christopher Lenz ...	Germany.....	Farmer.....	1	Daniel I. Gross Nashua. N. H. Clergyman.
		Emma Gelz. ....	Goffstown ..	24		At home ...	Manchester ...	Mary Dame .....	" ..	Farmer.....	1	
Apr. 5	Amherst....	Chas. H. Wetherbee .....	Amherst.....	21		Farmer.....	No. Haverhill .	Helen Myers .....	No. Haverhill.....	Farmer. ....	1	Jonathan S. Lewis, Baptist Minister, Amherst. N. H.
		Leola A. Raymond..	Amherst.....	19		At home .....	Goffstown.....	Kittie Kezer.....	Bath.....	Farmer.....	1	
		Henry J. Cochran...	Amherst.....	45		Mason.....	Amherst .....	Levi Raymond .....	Canada .....	Farmer.....	1	
May 16	Merrimack .	Mary Longa.....	Amherst.....	43		Housekeeper..	Nashua. ....	James Cochran.....	Boston, Mass .....	Mason.....	2	Harry Platts, Merrimack. N. H. Clergyman.
								Sarah J. Barrett .....	Athol, Mass .....	Farmer.....	2	
								Chas. Longa.....	Merrimack.....			
								Sarah Barron.....				

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to my best knowledge and belief.

W. W. SLOAN, Town Clerk.





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